IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. When strikethrough cannot easily be perceived, or when five or fewer characters are deleted, [[double brackets]] are used to show the deletion. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please ADD new claim 19 in accordance with the following:

1. (ORIGINAL) A method for selecting a delivery mechanism for a message, comprising:

creating, by a sender of the message, a priority table of delivery devices of a recipient of the message;

selecting a delivery device from the priority table having the highest priority and sending the message to the selected device; and

continuing, if the recipient did not receive the message using the highest priority delivery device, to sequentially select another delivery device according to the priority table and send the message to the selected delivery device, until the recipient receives the message.

2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining the reachability of the recipient before sending the message to the selected delivery device.

3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein if the message has not been delivered to the recipient after the last delivery device has been selected, selection of delivery devices begins again, starting with the highest priority delivery device in the priority table, after a predetermined time has expired.

4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the priority table is configured in a way that all messages are sent to the recipient using a particular delivery device.

a preferences and profile database containing a priority table, created by a sender of the message, of delivery devices of a recipient of the message; and

a priority delivery selection logic unit selecting a delivery device from the priority table having the highest priority and sending the message to the selected device, and continuing, if the recipient did not receive the message using the highest priority delivery device, to sequentially select another delivery device according to the priority table and send the message to the selected delivery device, until the recipient receives the message.

14. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 13, wherein the priority delivery selection logic unit and the preferences and profiles database are located within a store and forward portion of a multimedia messaging system.

15. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 13, further comprising determining the reachability of the recipient before sending the message to the selected delivery device.

16. (ORIGINAL) A computer-readable storage controlling a computer to select a delivery mechanism for a message and comprising a process of:

creating, by a sender of the message, a priority table of delivery devices of a recipient of the message;

selecting a delivery device from the priority table having the highest priority and sending the message to the selected device; and

continuing, if the recipient did not receive the message using the highest priority delivery device, to sequentially select another delivery device according to the priority table and send the message to the selected delivery device, until the recipient receives the message.

17. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 16, further comprising determining the reachability of the recipient before sending the message to the selected delivery device.

18. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 16, wherein if the message has not been delivered to the recipient after the last delivery device has been selected, selection of delivery devices begins again, starting with the highest priority delivery device in the priority table, after a predetermined time has expired.

5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4, wherein the priority table comprises a name/ID of the recipient, the delivery device, and a delivery address for the delivery device.

6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the priority table is configured in a way that a delivery device is selected according to time of day and day of week.

7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 6, wherein the priority table comprises a name/ID of the recipient, a list of delivery times and dates, delivery devices corresponding to the delivery times and dates, and delivery addresses corresponding to the delivery devices.

8. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the priority table is configured in a way that the first delivery device selected to send a current message is the same device used to deliver a previous message to the recipient, and the previous message was delivered within a predetermined amount of time before the current message is sent.

9. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the priority table is configured in a way that the first delivery device selected to send a current message is a same type of device as the type of device used by the sender to create the message.

10. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the sender sends a message to one or more recipients and creates a priority table for each recipient.

11. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the delivery device comprises one of a 3G wireless device, a mobile phone, a fixed telephone, a personal computer, a facsimile device, a pager, and a personal digital assistant.

12. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein a format of the message comprises one of a voice message, a text message, an electronic mail message, an instant message, a short message service message, and a video message.

13. (ORIGINAL) A system for selecting a delivery mechanism of a message, comprising:

19. (NEW) A method of selecting a delivery device for a message, comprising:

receiving priority tables of delivery devices, respectively, for each of a plurality of message recipients, the priority tables being customized for each message recipient;

allowing the priority tables to be dynamically changed for each message recipient;

selecting, for each message to be transmitted, a delivery device having the highest priority from a corresponding priority table and determining whether the recipient of the message to be transmitted is available on the selected device; and

continuing, for each message recipient that is not available on the selected device, to sequentially select another delivery device according to the corresponding priority table and to send the message to be transmitted to the selected delivery device, until the message recipient is available on the selected device.